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1. DURING THEIR MARCH 8 COUNCIL MEETING, THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS DISCUSSED A FEBRUARY 24 REPORT FROM THE EC'S BRUSSELS-BASED BASKET 2 WORKING GROUP, RECOMMENDING THAT THE EC RESPOND FAVORABLY TO ECE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY STANOVNIK'S PROPOSALS FOR MINISTERIAL MEETINGS IN THE ECE FRAMEWORK ON A RANGE OF CSCE FINAL ACT TOPICS. THIS RECOMMENDATION WAS BASED UPON THE VIEW OUTLINED REFTEL B THAT THE STANOVNIK PROPOSALS OFFER A MEANS OF UNDERCUTTING THE BREZHNEV PROPOSALS FOR PAN-EUROPEAN CONFERENCES ON ENERGY, TRANSPORTATION, AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

2. ACCORDING TO BELGIAN AND UK PERMDEL SOURCES THE MINISTERS INSTRUCTED THE EC-9 POLITICAL COMMITTEE TO
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PREPARE FOR CONSIDERATION AT THEIR APRIL 5 COUNCIL MEETING A LETTER LO STANOVNIK CONVEYING A POSITIVE EC RESPONSE TO HIS PROPOSALS, BUT WITH THE STIPULATION THAT THE EC WISHES TO RESERVE ITS POSITION ON THE TOPICS TO BE COVERED BY THE CONFERENCES. OUR SOURCES TELL US THAT PERMDEL AND COMMISSION OFFICIALS ARE CONCERNED THAT THIS STIPULATION, WHICH WAS INCLUDED AT FRENCH INSISTANCE,

MIGHT PROVIDE A LOOPHOLE FOR SOVIET INSISTENCE ON THEIR
OWN PROPOSALS ON THE BASIS THAT THEY WISH THEIR THREE
SPECIFIC TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED. HINTON

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